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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 2, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring September 2, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.